



A KGAS meeting



Students performing at a school assembly

## Educating and Empowering Girls

The Rwandan government enacted a policy that provides all Rwandan children with nine years of fee-free education. Yet, girls are still dropping out of school at far higher rates than their male counterparts. **The challenge is keeping girls in school.** Girls with seven years of schooling attend secondary school for many reasons. Some are financial. Education may be fee-free, but families still have to pay for uniforms, supplies, and small bribes to supplement teacher salaries. Sanitation issues also prevent girls from attending school, as the lack of latrines makes it impossible for them to attend class when menstruating. **Violence** is also at a high risk of **sexual predation and gender-based violence**, which can result in unwanted pregnancies, expulsion from the family, and dropout. **Family**



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loan money, and also encourages the creation of small businesses for the community.

### Addressing economic, social, and emotional challenges girls face to keep them motivated and confident in class

Community Score Card (CSC) brings duty bearers like mentors and schools together with rights bearers like young girls to reflect upon quality of education. In Rwanda, CSCs give girls provide a pl

## Keeping Girls At School

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